

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Wiegand (USP 4,566,634). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites a fuel injection valve body for a direct injection type gasoline engine that injects fuel directly into a combustion chamber and executes a stratified charge combustion by forming a layered rich air-fuel mixture around an ignition plug. A nozzle body tip is at a tip portion of the fuel injection valve body and is formed with a nozzle hole being exposed to the combustion chamber.

In contrast, the injection device of Wiegand is for a diesel engine, not for a direct injection type gasoline engine as recited in claim 1. Further, claim 1 recites that the nozzle hole is exposed to the combustion chamber. The nozzle hole being exposed in the combustion chamber allows the gasoline engine to execute the stratified charge combustion. However, the device of Wiegand includes an ejector attachment 17 (the office action refers to this element as a cap) which encloses the tip so that the hole in hole in the tip is not exposed to the combustion chamber, as required by claim 1 of the present application. Further, because the tip and hole are covered by the cap, and because Wiegand is a diesel engine, a stratified combustion will not occur in Wiegand.

For these reasons, Wiegand does not anticipate any of claims 1-3 of the present application and Applicants therefore request withdrawal of the rejection.

For at least the above reasons, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance are solicited.

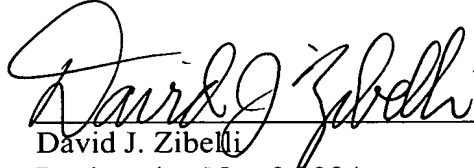
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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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